

# Interoffice Memo

**To:** Honorary Mayor Peterson and Honorary Council Members

**From:** Matt Siders, Director of Parks and Recreation

**CC:**

**Date:** November 26, 2013

**Re:** Park and Rec Board Recommendation

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This memo is to share the Park and Rec Board's recommendation to continue with the proposal from Terracon's for a Phase I and a Phase II site assessment at the ambulance building site for the total price not to exceed \$7,850. This total does not include the costs that the City would bear should any environmental hazards need to be mitigated at the site as a result of the assessment.

The Park and Rec Board also recommends, if the site assessment proves favorable, that the site be developed as a new City Park with the following amenities with the anticipated costs shown (in no order of priority)

1. Green Space (\$10,000-\$12,000)
2. Public Art (varies depending on scope)
3. Natural Play Area (\$30,000-\$50,000)
4. Parking Lot (varies depending on size)
5. Foot Bridge (\$30,000-40,000)

Respectfully submitted,

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Concept Sample: Natural Playscape







Also please visit Jester Park in Polk County for another example.

<http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/media/10732/natural-playscape.pdf>